

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 10, replace the paragraph beginning on line 22 through page 11, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

To complete the assembly of the cutlery set, the slits 16 and 36 of the spoon 10 and fork 30 receive the rib 58 of the knife 50 (see Figure 4). The diameter of the knife handle 52 is such as to allow the trailing ends 13, 33 of the nested spoon and fork handles 11, ~~[[30]]~~31 to be slidably inserted into the leading end 60 of the knife handle 52, although the knife handle will flex outwardly to accommodate the spoon/fork. The aligned slits 16 and 36 of the spoon and fork handles 11 and 31, and the knife rib 58 act like a rail to guide the sliding motion of the spoon and fork handles 11, 31 into the knife handle 52 so that the spoon handle 11 is sandwiched between the fork and knife handles 31, 52. The outer curved surface of the spoon handle 11 engages with the inner curved surface of the knife handle 52 and the resilient nature of the polypropylene holds the spoon and knife handles 11, 52 in firm engagement with each other when nested together.